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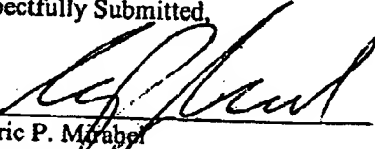
Request/Petition for Simultaneous Issue of Patent

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to MPEP 1306.2, Applicants hereby requests or in the alternative petitions for immediate issuance of the above application as a patent. The request is made now, and was not made when the issue fee transmittal was mailed to the PTO on 7/31/03, because it has since then come to the attention of Applicant that a potential competitor will commercially launch infringing subject matter within the next few days -- well before the time a patent is otherwise expected to issue. A copy of the Issue Fee Transmittal (previously sent in) follows. Please charge any fee due in connection with this request to Deposit Account No. 502088.

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